

THE GOOD DEED

COPY MASTER

Vocabulary Study

WORDS IN CONTEXT

- A. Directions:** As your teacher reads each item, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings of the word, and write on the chart what you think the word means. After reading “The Good Deed,” confirm or adjust your definitions.
- 1. Heather worries that Risa will make a false **accusation**, blaming her for the disappearance of the book.
 - 2. The boys’ clothing is **generic**. It is as ordinary and plain as the boys themselves.
 - 3. Being sight **impaired** limits Miss Benson in some ways, but the fact that she can’t see does not affect her positive attitude toward life.
 - 4. **Incredibly**, Heather finds herself becoming sympathetic toward Risa; she would never have believed it was possible.
 - 5. Unlike Heather, who tends to be polite and respectful when meeting new people, Risa is **pert** and unpleasantly rude.
 - 6. Heather has a hard time coming up with an original eye bouquet for Miss Benson—one that doesn’t use **trite** language such as “green as grass” or “blue as the sky.”

Vocabulary Word	Predicted Meaning	Meaning in Selection
1. accusation		
2. generic		
3. impaired		
4. incredibly		
5. pert		
6. trite		